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IN THE DEN OF THE GREAT MAN OF BAKER-STREET

THRILLS FOR THE FANS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

MANY admirers of Sherlock Holmes will make a pilgrimage this summer to Abbey House, Baker Street, London. For Abbey House is supposed to be on the site of number 221b where, according to Conan Doyle, the famous detective lived. A Sherlock Holmes Exhibition is being held there by the St Marylebone Borough Council, and "fans" of the greatest sleuth of all time will find his den looking exactly as they have pictured it.

With what breathless awe will Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts step into that little room where the fire still burns in the grate and the detective's celebrated deerstalker cap still hangs on the door? Beside the cap is Dr Watson's top-hat, with his stethoscope over it. On the wall is the "patriotic V R done in bullet holes" by Holmes with an indoor pistol, which is also on view—a habit which Watson said "made him the very worst tenant in all London."

The famous violin

Sherlock Holmes's pipes are there, and in another room his walking-stick and violin and the gold snuff-box given him as "a little souvenir from the King of Bohemia for his help in the case of the Irene Adler papers." The actual bicycle used by Miss Violet Smith in *The Solitary Cyclist* is also there—a quaint contraption with the brake pressing on the front tyre.

An old battered dark-lantern has been sent to the exhibition by Mr K. K. Van Hoffen of Groenekan, Holland, who says the lamp was left with his grandfather by Sherlock Holmes in 1897 while he was working for the reigning family of Holland (*A Case of Identity*).

It would be a bold scoffer who, surrounded by Sherlock Holmes devotees, questioned the genuineness of these relics! At least they are like the originals described by Conan Doyle.

Sherlock Holmes captured the

imagination of every Briton in 1887, when he made his first appearance in *A Study in Scarlet*. But his fame soon spread, and readers all over the world became absorbed in the adventures of this man with almost superhuman powers of observation, deduction, and intuition. His brilliance sparked even brighter because of the contrast of his good-natured, but relatively dull friend, Dr Watson, who was constantly being amazed by what Holmes termed "elementary."

Everyone has heard of Sherlock Holmes; even those who have never read a book by Conan Doyle are as familiar with the character of this arch-type of detectives as they are with Robin Hood. Seldom can a character in fiction have become so real to the public. Conan Doyle received letters from all parts of the world often addressed to Sherlock Holmes, asking him to solve mysteries. Some even wrote to Dr Watson begging him to use his influence with the great detective.

Speckled Band

Conan Doyle's imperishable yarns have given rise to much research. For instance, of exactly what species was the snake in *The Speckled Band*? Holmes said it was "a swamp-adder, the deadliest snake in India." But Natural History seems to have lost track of the "swamp-adder." At the

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Sherlock Holmes's room in Baker Street

Photography at 600 m p h

CAMERAS FOR THE JET AGE

SCIENTISTS who design cameras for Britain's photographic jet aircraft have a problem to solve—they have to make a camera fast enough to take pictures from a low-flying plane travelling more than 800 feet a second.

As the film whirls through the camera it will have to cover all the ground and provide an overlap so that a continuous picture is available. The cameras must wind on the film, re-set the shutter, make the exposure—all in a fraction of a second—to keep up with the speed of the plane.

Several ideas have been tried. The first involved a "master" and a "slave" camera. By an ingenious system the opening of the shutters of these cameras was carefully timed so that the "master" took a continuous picture until it was necessary to wind on more film, when the "slave" took over.

Still too slow

Although successful at medium heights, this system was still too slow for low-altitude work. Reconnaissance jets like the new Meteor FR Mk 9 perform their task at only 300 to 400 feet.

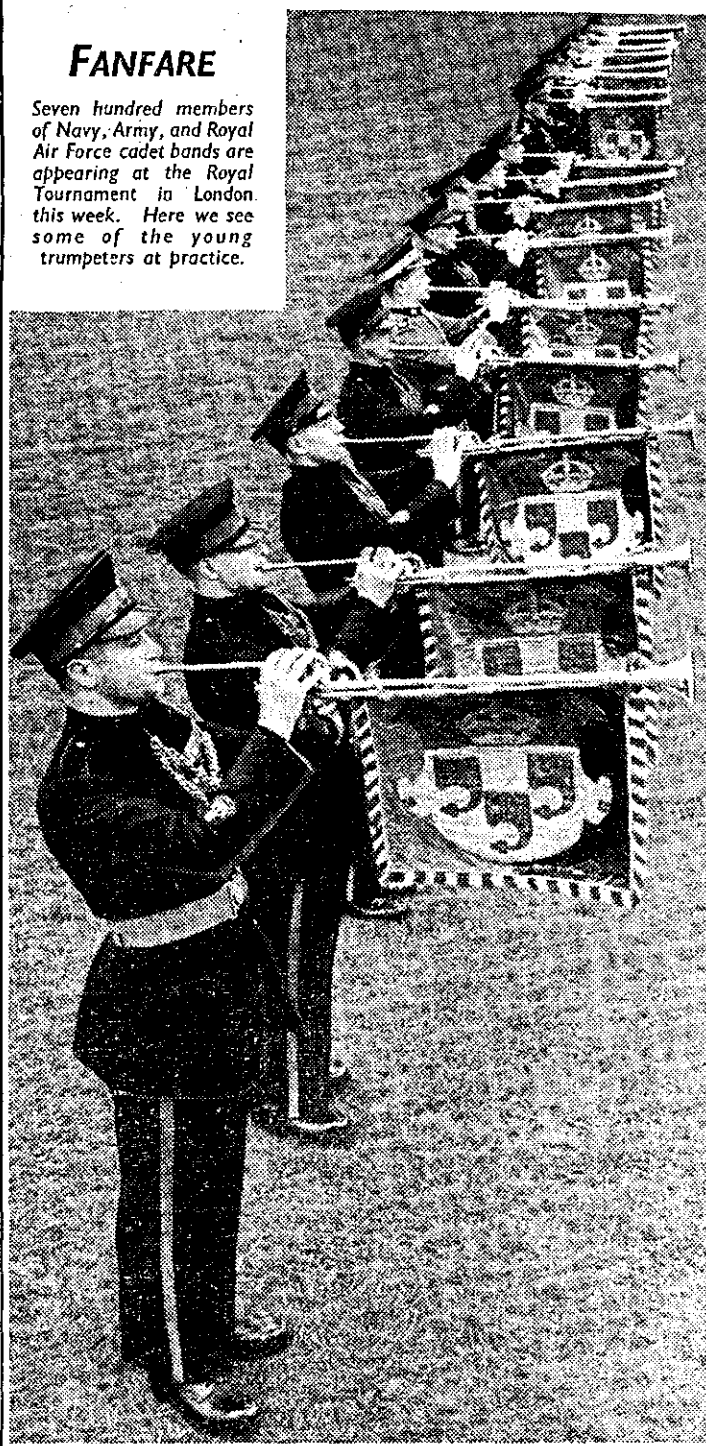
Another system employed a shutterless camera with a film moving continuously at a speed calculated to be the same as that of the ground below as it moved across the lens. But this meant that the pilot had to fly at a pre-determined speed and height.

Neither of these methods have provided the complete answer, so research is still continuing.

In Korea jet reconnaissance planes of the US Air Force are using an automatic scanner to control the speed of their shutterless cameras. This amazing device analyses the ground speed of the aircraft and works out the speed at which the film must pass through the camera.

FANFARE

Seven hundred members of Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force cadet bands are appearing at the Royal Tournament in London this week. Here we see some of the young trumpeters at practice.



Long jumps

APART from the nursery rhyme cow who jumped over the moon, which animal is the best jumper?

Australians naturally plump for the kangaroo, and quite recently a party of them set out to make some tests. One of the men on horseback chased a red kangaroo and found it had averaged 37 feet over a series of ten jumps, and finally had leaped 42 feet in clearing an eight-foot-high dingo-netting fence.

Another kangaroo cleared a 101-foot pile of timber in a leap of 27 feet.

NO MORE BLUES

When the present stocks of blue paint are exhausted all our express passenger locomotives will be painted in dark green.

PORTRAIT IN HAIR

MR J. W. WOERLEE, a wigmaker of Winnipeg, has taken up portraiture as a hobby, but uses human hair to get his results.

A native of Holland, he received a letter from Queen Juliana thanking him for a hair portrait he had made of Princess Wilhelmina. It was produced by painstakingly glueing thousands of human hairs side by side to make the equivalent of brush strokes in oils.

History on the map

A NEW map showing most of the major historical places and buildings in Britain, older than AD 1066, has been published by the Ordnance Survey. Short accounts of 1000 places of special interest are included.

Running commentary

RAIL travellers between Killarney and Dublin will this year be able to listen to descriptions of the various places they pass, and of the folklore associated with them.

A member of the railway staff will make the commentary, and this will be relayed by loud-speakers in each carriage.

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Helping the nations to help themselves

BUT for the war in Korea the whole economic might of the Western nations would now be ready for one of the greatest adventures in modern history—helping to build up real prosperity in a great number of underdeveloped countries.

The Korean war, naturally, meant a setback to these plans; but they have not been abandoned, and active work is going on in many countries to shape the policy of help to those less fortunate, far and near.

A volume shortly to be published by the United Nations on "Measures for Economic Development for Underdeveloped Countries" sets out ideas on this subject by international experts.

But first, what are "underdeveloped countries"? Broadly speaking, they are countries which are needlessly poor. We seldom apply this term to deserts or wasteland.

Potential riches

Now, underdeveloped countries may be populous, like India and Pakistan, and may already own industries of great potential value. These countries remain poor merely because they have not been able to take full advantage of their natural riches in order to improve the standard of living of the whole population.

The following example will show what is meant by the problem of underdevelopment. Little use can be made of the best hardwoods as long as they stand in remote jungle, or of important ores while they rest under the surface of the earth. But to cut the timber, mine the ore, and to perform the hundreds of other operations to make these materials really useful requires enormous capital. This is, of course, stressed in the report of the United Nations.

But U N experts—and this is an interesting point—are not at all in favour of the richer countries simply pouring money into the backward areas, setting up businesses, mines, factories, and so on. They suggest a much longer and more difficult way.

Self-help

Their idea is that the poor nations themselves should do all they can in the development work.

They want them to create conditions of equal economic opportunity—and this means better education facilities for young people and the abolition of all privileges based on race, colour, caste, or religion. Taxes, unknown in many countries, must be introduced, and experts must

be invited to find out what riches, mineral, agricultural, and so on, any given country possesses.

Only when this is done can help come from industrialised countries like Britain, USA, France, or Belgium. Their aid may take many forms: loans, technical missions, and also promises not to place too heavy Customs duties on exports from countries which are being thus helped.

The United Nations as a whole has also a place in these schemes. The organisation can help with loans and technical missions where single nations are not willing to come forward. There are even plans that such loans might reach the formidable figure of £350,000,000 a year. This shows quite clearly how enormous is the task before the world.

Young pianist



Eleven-year-old Thorunn Tryggvason of Iceland recently played with the Hallé Orchestra conducted by Sir John Barbirolli at Manchester.

Worthy memorial to Smuts

"I love children" was an expression frequently used by the late General Smuts, and it has been decided that a scheme to help the young people of the South African Union is the best way of honouring his memory.

The National Committee, of which Sir Ernest Oppenheimer is chairman, is inviting the public to subscribe £50,000 for Smuts scholarships to enable promising young South Africans to attend Union universities. It is proposed to begin with two annual scholarships for each of the universities of Cape Town, Stellenbosch, and Witwatersrand

books more than three times a day!

As a medical student at Edinburgh Infirmary he was an assistant to a Dr Bell—"a thin, wiry, dark man, who had sharp, piercing grey eyes, an eagle nose, and a high strident voice." Dr Bell was a most observant man, who liked to speculate upon the probable trades or occupations of his patients; and it was upon this man that Conan Doyle modelled his famous detective.

The Abbey House Exhibition has a wealth of material: first editions, pictures, caricatures, stills from films, and so on.

TROUBLES OF A TINY STATE

UNLESS the tiny Republic of San Marino, near the Adriatic coast, soon makes an agreement with Italy it will become completely bankrupt. Indeed, this is almost the case now, for the State employees—numbering one-third of the 13,000 inhabitants—have not been paid for weeks because there is no money to spare in the San Marino Treasury.

San Marino has been an independent republic for 1600 years, and guards its inheritance very jealously. There is a customs union with Italy, and both States use the same currency, but otherwise San Marino, the smallest republic in the world, can make its own rules and elect its own Government, now politically Socialist-Communist and in many ways not seeing "eye to eye" with Christian-Democratic Italy.

There have been quarrels, and Italians are at present forbidden to enter this 38-square-mile republic—which is a great blow to San Marino, as tourists are its chief source of revenue, coupled with the frequent issue of new stamps.

Italy is also withholding a subsidy she usually pays in compensation for being able to send in goods without customs' duty; as this now represents about £250,000, here is an even bigger blow.

On a mountain

San Marino is perched on and round about a 2437-foot mountain called Titano, which juts sharply out from the plain, and is a quarry for the building stone which the people of San Marino export, together with wine, woollen goods, and hides.

The mountain road goes zig-zagging up for miles and miles. The buildings of the capital are not so old as they look, but their crenellated walls and towers, perched on the three peaks of Titano, make them look, from a distance, like something Walt Disney might have created.

Most of the people, including some of the State employees, work in the fields and vineyards at the base of this ancient stronghold.

Boys and girls at the Royal Society

SOME 250 selected schoolboys and girls were invited recently to see the scientific exhibits shown at the Royal Society's Conversation.

The exhibits illustrated a wide range of scientific subjects, and among them was a fascinating device for studying the effect of light on plankton—tiny water creatures. A round perspex tube filled with water and mounted like a wheel was turned slowly so that one of these minute swimmers was kept stationary in relation to the observer. Every movement of the tube wheel, and thus of the creature in it, was recorded on a smoked drum, while the changing light conditions were measured by a photo-electric cell.

In another room the seniors gazed in awe on the original manuscript of Newton's *Principia*, the world's greatest scientific book, which was restored and rebound not long ago by the Public Record Office.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

AUTHORS' EXPORTS

The value of literary work exported from Britain last year amounted to £4,500,000, which indicates the high value of copyright fees paid by foreigners to British authors.

A Danish shipping company is to equip its fleet of vessels with bicycles for use by the crew on shore leave.

The Blue Cross medal is to be given to "Spot," of Middleton-avenue, Denbigh, the dog who barked continuously to call attention to his master's plight after he had collapsed unconscious in a ditch at Denbigh.

Festival Features

BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S *Let's Make an Opera* has been performed this week at Lowestoft, the composer's birthplace.

Thetford, Norfolk, Festival exhibition this month shows a robot fights and crosses player believed by its inventor to be unbeatable. Its "brain" of 60 valves is claimed to know all the moves necessary to defeat any human brain.

A mobile kennel outfit has been provided by the National Canine Defence League at the rear of Charing Cross Underground Station, where visitors to the South Bank Exhibition can leave their dogs.

King Carnival will rule over Rhyl for the week June 16-23, and tradespeople and their assistants will wear traditional Welsh dress.

Manchester's Youth Festival this week includes physical displays and dramatic features, and ends on Sunday, June 10, with a parade, followed by special religious services at appropriate churches.

The first blood bank to be established in Scandinavia will open shortly in a Copenhagen hospital.

Colonel R. Meinertzhagen, DSO, has presented to the British Museum his entire collection of *Mallophaga* (lice). This embraces some 557,610 specimens, 510 books and articles on this subject, and a 15-volume index.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board is offering £14 a week to men willing to go out from Britain as tram and bus conductors.

200 Years of service

The Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has just celebrated its bicentenary. During the year 1751 there were 176 in-patients and 178 out-patients. Now there are 22,000 in-patients a year, and 550,000 out-patients.

The Rev Michael Gedge and the Rev John Strong are being trained as miners at the NCB centre, at Betteshanger, Kent. They will also minister to the spiritual needs of Eythorne.

As part of the Colombo Plan three New Zealand nurses are going to Delhi to teach for two years at a nursing college. Under the same scheme the New Zealand Government is awarding 50 scholarships and fellowships to Asians.

When the aircraft carrier *Illustrious* visits Eastbourne on June 26 a children's party will be held on board.

HOMEWORK MADE EASY

At the new headquarters of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Scouts in Jamaica Road is a quiet room where Scouts may do their homework if they find this difficult at home.

A proposal has been made to build a 250-mile fence along the Finland-Norway frontier to prevent reindeer from crossing from one country into the other.

The Danish Ambassador, Count Reventlow, has sent the Lord Mayor of London £300 for distribution among London's poor to mark the recent visit of the King and Queen of Denmark.

Just under 800,000 children attended Methodist Sunday-schools last year—nearly 90,000 more than at the end of the war.

Passports for foreign travel are now held by one in twenty of the population of Britain—more than double the average before the war.

What is believed to have been the largest Roman amphitheatre in Britain has been discovered at Canterbury.

Domestic Science

Economies at Yale University include the dismissal of 70 maid-servants. Students now have to clean their own rooms as well as make their beds.

An open-air theatre has been built by students on a bomb-site in Morley College, Westminster Bridge Road.

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exhibition are examples of five snakes in jars, any one of which might have been the "loathsome serpent" which climbed down and up a bell-rope in the story. Perish the thought that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle himself invented the swamp-adder!

Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh in 1859. As a boy he had a voracious appetite for reading, and he said in later life that he caused his local library committee to hold a special meeting at which they decided that borrowers should not change their

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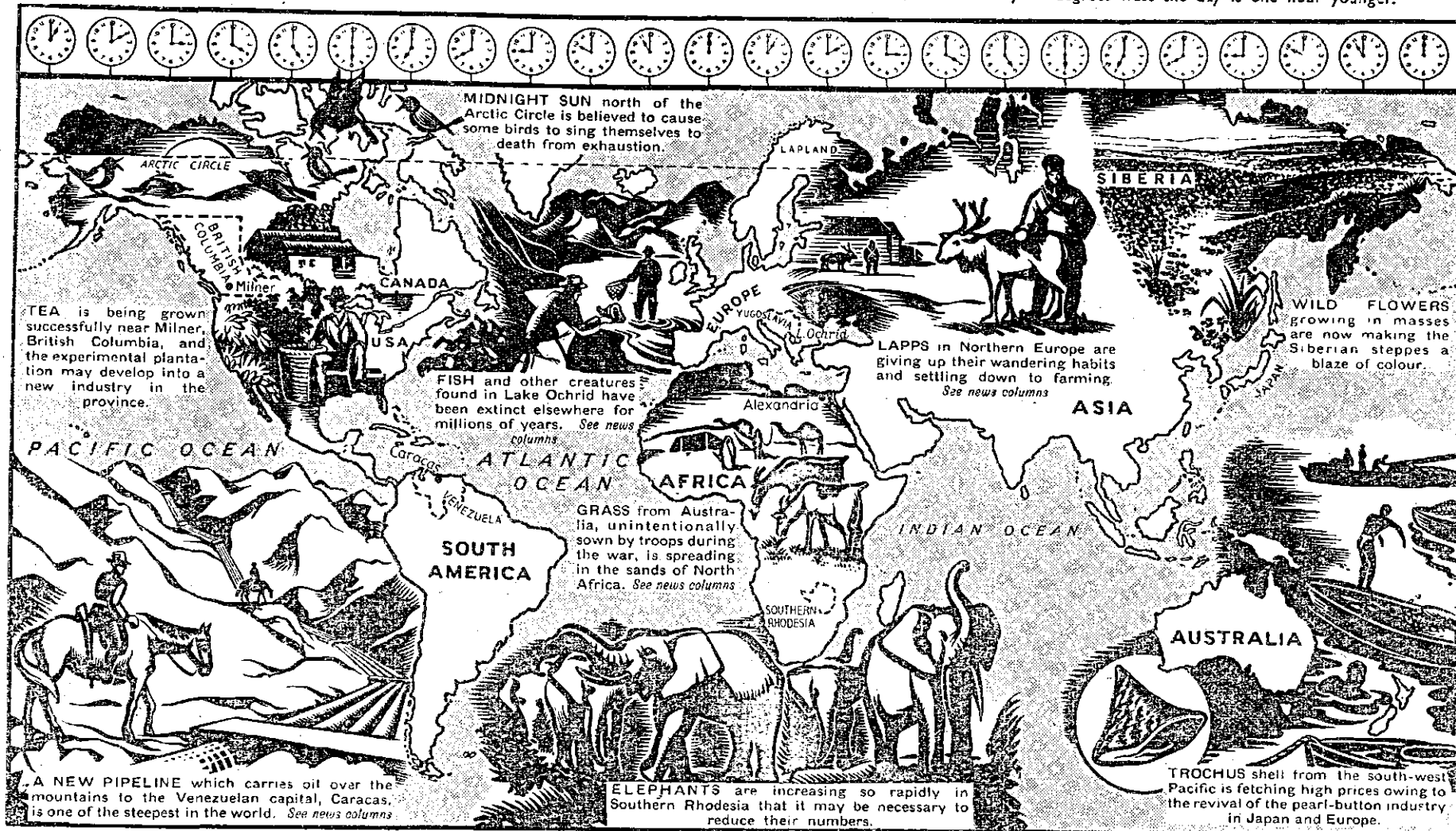
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CN Picture-News Map

The clocks on this map show time all over the world. Sunlight travels westward round the Earth. At noon in Greenwich for every 15 degrees east the day is one hour older, and for every 15 degrees west the day is one hour younger.

**CROOKED SPIRE IN SPLINTS**

THE famous twisted and leaning spire of All Saints Church, Chesterfield, is encased in a network of steel splints. Examination has revealed that the woodwork at the summit has been so badly ravaged by woodworm that new timbers are necessary.

Local antiquarians are wondering whether in the rebuilding any of the twist will be ironed out. The spire has always excited curiosity as to whether its crookedness was deliberately designed, or is due to the warping of timber supports or the action of the sun on the lead tiles. The weight of lead is about 32 tons.

The chevron method of laying these lead tiles creates an optical illusion, and gives the impression that the spire is star-shaped and has 16 sides. Ruskin is reputed to have declined to visit Chesterfield because he regarded the crooked spire as an architectural monstrosity.

UPHILL WORK ON A PIPELINE

INSPECTORS of one of the world's steepest oil pipelines, recently completed in Venezuela, have a tough job. They have to ride up and down a switchback mountain trail beside the line.

This ten-mile pipeline runs from almost sea level to over 300 feet at its highest point, and its gradient in places is nearly one in one. It carries petroleum products from Gatia de la Mar to the Venezuelan capital of Caracas. See World Map

TEA WITH THE AID OF A DRAGON

A host of rare and lovely things can be seen from June 6 to June 21 at the Antique Dealers' Fair at Grosvenor House, Park Lane. Every article displayed is guaranteed by experts to be a genuine antiquity.

One of the treasures is an 18th-century Bristol delft bowl on which the unusual decoration depicts a Chinese heating his bowl of tea with the fiery breath of a dragon; in the realms of mythology there are no fuel problems.

It is estimated that the value of the objects of art on exhibition is about £4,000,000; but many are beyond price, including loans from the Royal collections and from the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths.

At the Zoo

Gladys the Peruvian llama and her 18-month-old daughter Misty look haughtily at visitors at the London Zoo.

NEW GRASS IN THE DESERT

STRAY grass seeds carried to North Africa in the kitbags and pockets of Australian soldiers during the war have started to conquer the sands of Cyrenaica. The Bedouin Arabs have noticed their flocks nibbling a new grass strange to Africa, the kouchie grass which is common to Australia. The grass is thickest in places where the Australians camped, but the winds are already carrying seeds great distances.

The grass grows in short, sturdy tufts, and has strong stems with small green leaves on them. Fowls near Alexandria gave the first sign that a welcome new vegetation had arrived in the desert. They refused their normal food and ate grass on the waste land. Camels, cows, goats, and donkeys relish the new grass. See World Map

WANDERING LAPPS SETTLE DOWN

AN anthropologist lately returned from Arctic Lapland reports that the Lapps are changing their mode of life.

For centuries they have led a nomadic existence, taking their herds to grazing grounds up in the mountains in the summer and returning to the lowlands in the winter.

Now many of them are settling down to farming in one place, and the tent of the nomad is being replaced by wooden huts. Reindeer herds are being killed and sold to pay for houses, and schools for settled communities are being provided by the authorities. See World Map

LAKE THAT TIME FORGOT

SCIENTISTS are searching the shores and waters of Lake Ochrid, high among the mountains on the Yugoslavia-Albania frontier, for rare fish, snails, and other living creatures.

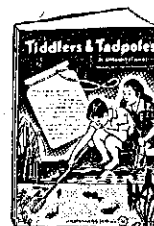
More than half the fish living in this lake, which has a depth of almost 1000 feet, are found nowhere else in the world. The scientists have been comparing snails found at Lake Ochrid with the fossils of snails that existed millions of years ago, and have discovered that they are identical.

There are other small creatures which it was thought became extinct before the Ice Age, but which have been found recently to be still living in the waters of Lake Ochrid. See World Map

PREACHING TO THE PYGMIES

TRAVELLING through Central Africa recently, the Revd Frank Bedford, of the Bible Society, was introduced by an African clergyman to three Pygmies who were preparing for baptism, and who read to him from the King James New Testament. After baptism, these quaint little people usually disappear into their forests, for they are nomads, but they take with them the message of love they have heard at the mission station.

Mr Bedford also stood at the grave of the Apostle to the Pygmies, Canon Apolo Kivebulaya, a remarkable African saint who crossed the burning plains and the clinging swamps from Uganda to preach Christianity to the forest-dwellers.

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NZ is fighting a weed

A PRETTY but insidious plant called water hyacinth, which spreads until it blocks canals and chokes ponds, is now being fought by the New Zealand Department of Agriculture.

Known in America as "the billion-dollar weed," or the Florida Devil, the water hyacinth has glossy round green leaves and spikes of lilac-coloured flowers.

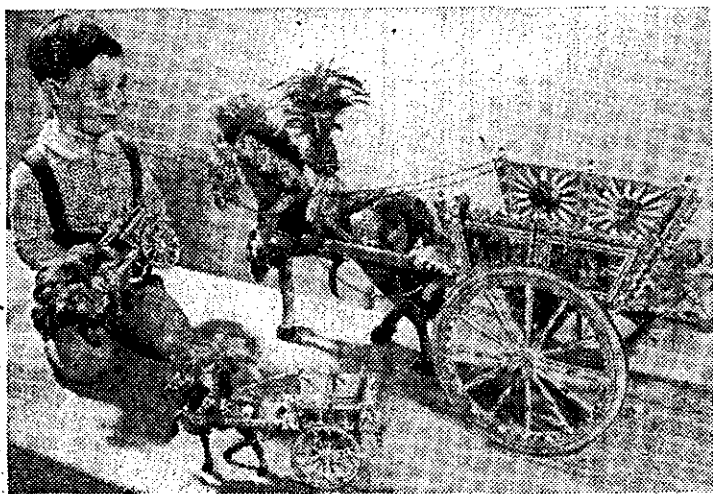
The weed's wasteful progress in New Zealand began 17 years ago, when people who did not know of its grimly prolific powers bought the gay flowers for ornamental ponds in their gardens. Occasionally they threw pieces of it away into some neighbouring stream, where it set out on a wide offensive, blocking waterways and filling pools and ponds.

Carpet of flowers

In one case the plant gained a foothold, ten years ago, in a cattle pond. Today that pond is covered with a mat on which a man can walk, but which does not allow cattle to drink. As New Zealand has 33 million sheep and 4,500,000 cattle, any threat to their drinking water is a serious matter.

Another thick mass of water hyacinth spread over eight miles of a drainage canal, and had to be cleared by a large mechanical drag line at a cost of thousands of pounds.

So it is not surprising that the sale of this plant is now illegal in New Zealand.



Toy-maker's son

Five-year-old Roberto Mistretta of Palermo in Sicily is a lucky boy, for his father is a toy manufacturer and makes these gaily-decorated horses and carts.

COLLEGES OF SPORT

PRINCESS ELIZABETH is this week officially opening Lilleshall Hall, Shropshire, as a centre for training athletic leaders and coaches. Courses for young people in all games and sports will also be held there.

This princely mansion (formally the home of the Dukes of Sutherland) and 90 acres of its grounds were bought and converted by the Central Council of Physical Recreation out of the £120,000 grant made by the South Africa Aid to Britain Fund.

South Africa has made us a

gift of what is to be a national college of sport. Here young Britons who show athletic promise will have the chance of expert coaching for a few weeks. Cricketers will practise in a school converted from a ballroom.

Lilleshall Hall, the *King's England* volume on Shropshire tells us, is a modern great house with a balustraded terrace and lovely gardens. A curiosity in the grounds is a marble monument of a dachshund which was given to a Duchess of Sutherland by a Tsar of Russia.

Another athletic training centre run by the Council is at Bisham Abbey, Marlow, which has beautiful grounds sloping down to the Thames. This was offered on loan to the Council by a lady whose nephews, Berkeley and Guy Paget, were killed on active service. She and her sister felt that a suitable memorial to them would be one serving the needs of youthful vitality.

Bisham Abbey is admirable for such a purpose, with its splendid facilities for athletics, swimming, and rowing. The Abbey itself, unlike Lilleshall, is an ancient place, its beginnings dating back to medieval times. It is a fine, impressive old house with great historic associations.

These two glorious mansions and their grounds make wonderful colleges in which our young athletes can cultivate all that is best in the great British sporting tradition.

200 British rocks

Young students of the rocks of which the British islands have been formed will find a vivid display of 200 specimens outside the famous Russell Cotes Gallery and Museum at Bournemouth. The curator, Mr Norman L. Silvester, has received these typical rocks as gifts from quarry owners and other experts from Land's End to the Orkney Islands and from Ulster to East Anglia. He has set these up in due order and has published a full catalogue which is an excellent guide to this fascinating science.

CN holiday-makers at Bournemouth should not miss this remarkable collection—or indeed the gallery itself, which is famous among other things for its relics of the great actor, Sir Henry Irving.

Craven Hill writes from Regent's Park of . . .

Strange newcomers at the Zoo

New arrivals continue to reach the London Zoo at frequent intervals, and include some notable additions to the collection.

Not the least interesting are two little eaglets sent from Gibraltar by Lord Bute. These have set the officials a nice little puzzle, for the eaglets were taken from their nest by a Spaniard, and nobody knows the species to which they belong.

"They look as if they may be the South European booted eagle," one official told me. "But we shall not know definitely just yet. Young eagles during their first year don't resemble the adults of the species at all. So for the moment we are just guessing, and waiting patiently until we can identify them."

ANOTHER unusual newcomer can be seen at the bird house. This is a small brownish bird which, except for its long beak, might be mistaken for a corn-crake. It is in fact a bilcock, or water-rail, which came to grief during a night flight across London.

The bird was found recently in his back garden by Mr A. Summers, of Caledonian Road, who sent it to Regent's Park, where it is now recuperating.

How came the bilcock, essentially a marsh bird, to be flying across the metropolis? A Zoo official gave me the probable explanation.

"Bilcocks are shy birds, but fairly common in the Fen country," he said. "Most of them are residents there all the year round, but a few are migratory, and this specimen must be one. It had probably just come over from the Continent. At the moment it seems quite at home in the aviary pool, and is taking worms and small fish."

New at the insect house is a collection of Palestinian grasshoppers which have had an unlooked-for adventure. A telephone call from the Mount

Pleasant sorting office informed officials that they had in one of the mailbags a parcel addressed to the Zoo which had broken open, and "insects were emerging."

Keeper George Ashby of the insect house was promptly sent to the sorting office, where he found that several grasshoppers had got out and were crawling around inside the sack. After an exciting round-up, Keeper Ashley accounted for all the missing specimens save one, and brought them to Regent's Park.

"The grasshoppers were a gift from Professor Haas, of the University of Palestine at Jerusalem," Mr L. C. Bushby, the curator, told me.

"I am not surprised that the sorters were alarmed. The grasshoppers are a large species with blue-black bodies decorated with yellow spots—quite unlike any grasshoppers in this country. But they are not in any way harmful to humans."

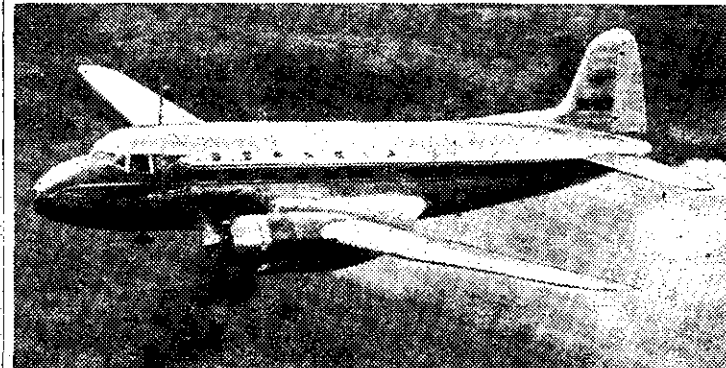
THE large alligator pool at the reptile house has been given its spring-clean, a task which, because of the ill-temper of one of the inmates, was accomplished in record time.

Four keepers, armed with brooms and pails, not only cleaned out the pond but scrubbed the backs of the alligators, diligently removing the mud and other debris which collects between the interstices of the hide.

The pool includes the 10-foot-long centenarian Mississippi gator George, but he gave no trouble. The real menace is 8-foot Peter. During the two-hour cleaning operations he was continually on the move, snapping and lashing out with his short but powerful tail.

Keepers reclaimed many coins and oddments from the bed of the pool. Among them was a small toy pig, made of lead, which some child had evidently thrown at the gators with the idea of "waking them up."

New planes for the world's airways



16. The Scandia

Among the many new wings in the skies are those of the SAAB 90, Scandia—a Swedish airliner that will soon be flying on the Continental routes of Scandinavian Airlines.

An all-metal monoplane, designed specially to meet the rigorous natural conditions in Northern Europe, the Scandia is sturdily constructed, and can operate from relatively small airfields. The fuselage has been divided into six compartments:

the nose and tail cargo compartments; the flight deck; the passenger cabin; a pantry; and toilet. The cabin is large and comfortable, and seats up to 32 passengers.

The Scandia is built by the Svenska Aeroplan Aktiebolaget, of Linköping. It has a span of 91 feet 10 inches, and is 69 feet 11 inches long.

Two 1650 Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp radial engines give it a cruising speed of 250 m.p.h. at 10,000 feet.

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South Africans at Trent Bridge for the First Test



Trent Bridge, the famous Nottingham County ground, was first opened in May 1838. A flock of sheep used to graze on the pitch to keep the grass short

TEST matches have been played at Trent Bridge since 1899, but the South Africans have only twice before played England on this ground—in 1935 and 1947.

Both matches were drawn, and, indeed, the South Africans have not beaten England since the 1935 Test at Lord's. Of the 74 Tests between the two countries since 1888, South Africa have won 12 and England 34.

If this week's Test at Nottingham is anything like the last match there, in 1947, the crowds will have plenty of excitement. Two records for South Africa Tests were set up in that game.

Alan Melville (189) and Dudley Nourse (149) scored 319 runs for South Africa's third-wicket partnership, and then our own Denis Compton (163) and Norman Yardley (99) made 237 for a new fifth-wicket record. Melville also made a century in each innings of that memorable match.



D. J. McGlew



N. B. F. Mann



A. M. B. Rowan



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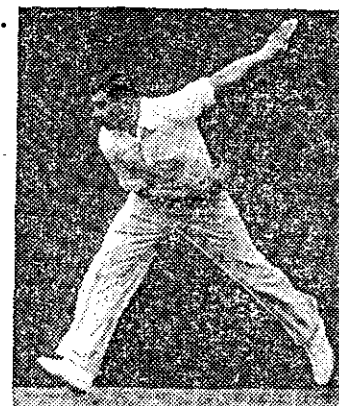
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Dudley Nourse, the captain



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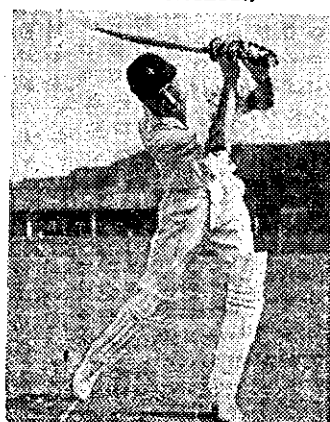
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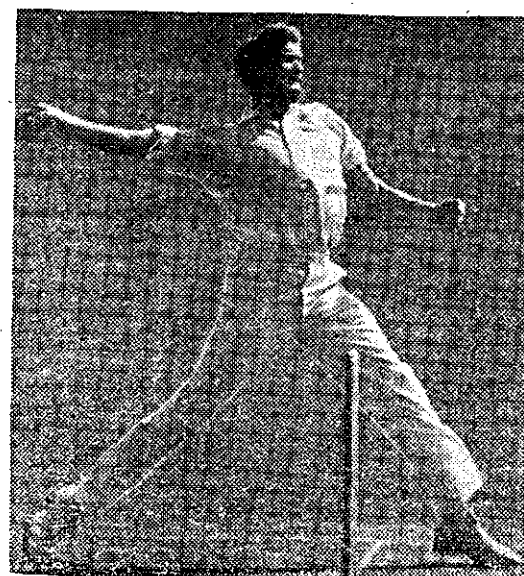
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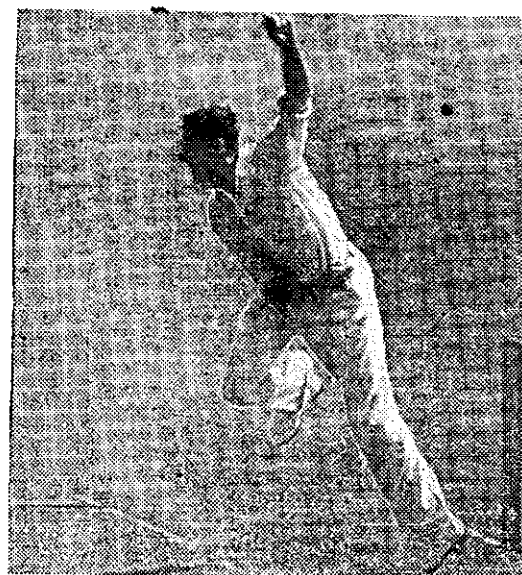
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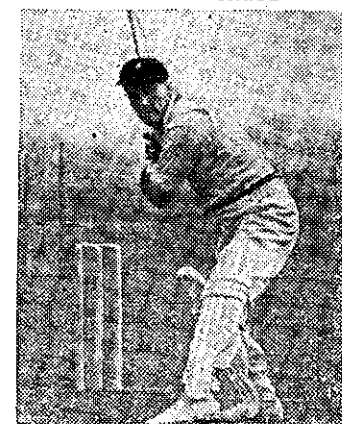
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MORE TEACHERS NEEDED

TEACHING is a profession in which there is not the slightest danger of unemployment; indeed, unless more candidates are found, after the year 1954 there will not be enough teachers for the additional children who will then be in our schools.

This perilous state of affairs, which is largely due to the increased birthrate, is revealed in the First Report of the National Advisory Council on the Training and Supply of Teachers (Stationery Office, 1s).

The Council recommend that more girls should be encouraged to stay at school until they are 17 or 18. Boys who are going to colleges and taking degrees will be specially needed. The Council also suggest that students in training colleges should be given better grants.

These are admirable suggestions; but they will bear fruit only if the rewards of teaching are brought into line with those of other professions. In most cases the salaries of teachers are still quite inadequate.

AND MORE MINISTERS

EACH year the Church of England needs 600 new men, and in order to encourage boys to embark on the necessary studies for taking Holy Orders bishops are going to the schools and stating the case for the work of a parson.

It is a good plan, for it is unthinkable that there should be insufficient "good men and true" forthcoming for the Christian Ministry. At the moment the supply is some 200 short of the total needed.

The Editor's Table

Come to the cookhouse door, boy

THE kitchen is a friendly place in which to gossip about the day's adventures at school—while partaking of an unconsidered snack or two—but Mother doesn't always appreciate the sociable intentions of the gossipers, especially if they get under her feet and gently fade away when a job is suggested.

A persistent kitchen-haunter of Bexhill, a lad of 14, was at last challenged by his mother to learn cooking. To her intense astonishment he agreed and gladly donned an apron.

Not long ago mother and son entered the National Festival Fare Competition and reached the area final at Hastings. There the schoolboy cook fairly and squarely beat his mother by baking a cake that won fourth place and a "Highly Commended."

One can almost hear, coming from that kitchen in Bexhill: "Now, Mother, don't get in my way, can't you see I'm busy?"

STARLINGS AND DUCKS

THE Surrey County Cricket Club have received complaints about numbers of birds, especially starlings, which have found a favourite perch on the rafters of the Oval stands, and this year a novel experiment, approved by the RSPCA, is being made to put a stop to the nuisance.

Each rafter has been wired so that when the birds land a six-volt electric shock, not strong enough to harm them, stings them into flight again.

No doubt the Surrey batsmen are sighing for a device that will discourage ducks as readily!

JUST AN IDEA

As J. A. Froude wrote: *The essence of true nobility is neglect of self.*

Under the Editor's Table

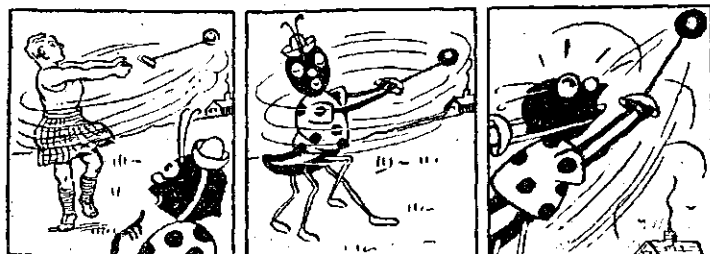
IT is suggested that we have a new coin worth 1½d. But some people hate change.

HUNDREDS of street lamps have been smashed in London so far this year. No light matter.

SOME people do not like the colours of the new stamps. Would prefer to stick to the old ones.

A FATHER thinks children's homework is too tiring. It has been brought home to him.

BILLY BEETLE



PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If musical families
live in harmony

POTATOES are best eaten in their jackets. Dinner jackets, of course.

A HIKER saw an adder in a wood near London. It increased his enjoyment.

THE LINK

A PLAQUE has been placed on Basing House, Rickmansworth, Herts, where William Penn spent the early years of his married life. It is of stone from Pennsbury, Penn's country manor near Philadelphia, and is the first of a series which will commemorate this country's close links with America.

Credit for the idea is due to Sir Evelyn Wrench and two of his friends, Mr Sydney Walton and Mr Eric Chaplin; it is certainly one which can be applauded by all who cherish the ties which bind the English-speaking peoples and believe that they will grow stronger with each passing year.

Playing in the park



Leslie French as Puck, and Prudence Hyman as Titania as they appear in A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, London.

All together

NOT long ago, the C N wrote of a cats' club in Hollywood; but they had not joined voluntarily, for puss is well known to be unsocial toward her own kind.

However, a writer to *The Times* states that on the rare occasions when cats do assemble, their meeting is called a "clowder of cats," or if kittens get together, a "kendle of kittens."

These words, he points out, are of more respectable antiquity than, for example, a "pomposity of judges." And also, we might add, older than a "querulosity of form-mistresses," a "magnificence of headmasters," or a "fussiness of parents."

MORNING DEW

I stood tiptoe upon a little hill,
The air was cooling, and so very still,
That the sweet buds which with a modest pride
Pull droopingly, in slanting curve aside,
Their scanty leaved, and finely tapering stems,
Had not yet lost those starry diadems
Caught from the early sobbing of the morn.
John Keats

Britain's best armour

LET this be an inspiration to us when our craftsmanship must be of the very best if this country is to survive," said the Duke of Gloucester recently about the fine quality of the English-made armour now on exhibition at the Tower of London. "We live in dangerous times, just as the Elizabethans did," the Duke went on. "The skies were dark over England then, but we look back upon the reign of Elizabeth as the golden age. I hope that this exhibition may kindle anew all that was best in the spirit of those times. Then, with faith in our future translated into action, we can cause this year 1951 to be regarded by our descendants as the beginning of a new era of greatness for our country."

Skill and an optimistic spirit are Britain's best armour.

WHAT SEE YE THERE?

Q UACES that look forward, eyes that spell
The future time for signs, what see ye there?
On what far gleams of portent do ye dwell?
Whither, with lips like quivering leaves and hair
Back-blowing in the whirlwind, do ye stare
So steadfast and so still? Oh, speak and tell!
Is the soul safe? Shall the sick world be well?
Will morning glimmer soon, and all be fair?
O faces, ye are pale, and somewhat sad,
And in your eyes there swim the fatal tears;
But on your brows the dawn gleams cold and hoar.
I, too, gaze forward, and my heart grows glad;
I catch the comfort of the golden years:
I see the soul is safe for evermore.
Robert Buchanan, who died on June 10 just 50 years ago

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THINGS SAID

THE young are too often underrated. They are not intimidated by difficulties. It is the under-30s who get things started if given the chance.

Mr W. Lawrence Ball, FRS

PUBLIC enemy No 2 is the belief that road accidents are inevitable in modern life and that we must pay in human life for the speeding-up of our existence.

Chief Constable of Hastings

THERE is only one way to get what you want, and from the beginning of time women have known how to do it. It is to "natter"—the surest way of accomplishing your end.

Mayor of Scarborough

If you have no criticism you will have dictatorship. Freedom of the Press is the most important freedom of all the freedoms we fought for in the last war.

Lord Rothermere

IN THE COUNTRY

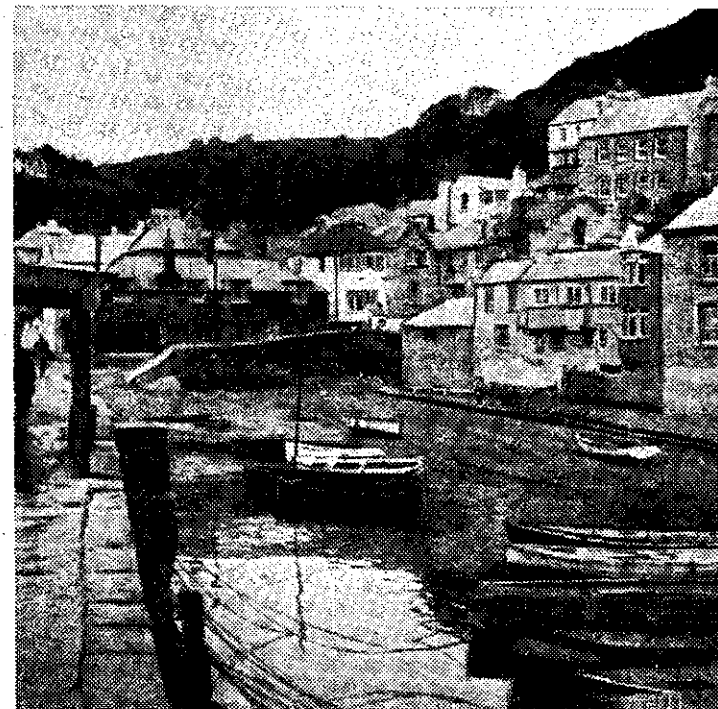
SWEET young summer attains perfection in June. Now is the time of roses, and colour riots everywhere in the fragrant countryside. Poppies splash the landscape with bright crimson. Masses of pink willowherb appear on the waste lands, and on the fringe of the woodlands the tall foxgloves display their spears of beautiful blossom.

The Foxglove, in whose drooping bells the bee
Makes her sweet music.

Wild bees drift along, and, attracted by the brilliant hues of the foxglove's "freckled bells," press their gold-banded and velvety bodies into the spotted interior; then they back out and buzz pleasantly from flower to flower.

All along the wayside path the wild parsley, tall and airy, spreads its veil of "Grannie's lace," in a haze of white, contrasting with the reds and pinks of the champions.

Never is the country lovelier than it is in June.



OUR HOMELAND

The little fishing town of Polperro in Cornwall

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UNDER-SIZE PIANO — LIFE-SIZE DOLLS



Two children at the American Toy Institute harmonise at the keyboard of a model grand piano. The group in the picture on the right are not real people, but life-size dolls made in Bavaria.

An illustrious Londoner

SIR WALTER BESANT, English historian and author, who died on June 9 just fifty years ago, is entitled to be regarded as a great Victorian and, what would possibly have pleased him even more, as a great Londoner, although he was actually born at Portsea. The People's Palace, in the Mile End Road, founded in 1887 as a centre of intellectual improvement and recreation, stands today as a fine monument to his memory.

The People's Palace was inspired by one of Besant's most successful novels, *All Sorts and Conditions of Men*, in which he depicted a fictitious Palace of Delight which should cure the joyless monotony of East End life. This book eventually led to a public fund of £75,000 being raised to endow the institution.

But it was his work on the preparation of a survey of modern London that gave Besant his greatest satisfaction. From his earliest days in London, he had had a passion for the by-ways of the great City. As a schoolboy he had wandered far and near in the streets, alleys, and courts that age and history had made romantic, and he determined to do for Queen Victoria's London what John Stow had done for Queen Elizabeth's London: he would write a survey of modern London.

He thoroughly explored the capital. He came to know every remote by-way, and, so familiar did he make himself with

London history that in his writings he clothed brick and stone with the romance of reality. He gave seven years to the work, but the time was not enough. Five splendid volumes from his pen were completed, giving posterity his *London, Westminster, South London, East London, and The Thames*.

Death intervened before his major work, *The Fascination of London* series, was completed, but it was finished by other hands and appeared in ten illustrated volumes after his death.

Sir Walter Besant was for many years closely associated with the Palestine Exploration Fund, and he also helped to found the Society of Authors.

The tombstone above his grave in St John's churchyard, Hampstead, bears the inscription "Write me as one that loves his fellow men." No more appropriate epitaph could have been chosen.

BIRD-LOVERS OF SCOTLAND

A WELSH boy wrote to the Scottish Society for the Protection of Wild Birds, asking them for a catalogue of birds' eggs. He could hardly have applied to a less likely source, and instead of a catalogue he received a letter explaining the Society's work, and a selection of their literature.

This is one of the interesting items in the Society's Annual Report; another is a reminder that in all but two counties of Scotland it is un-

lawful to shoot wild birds or take their eggs on Sunday, the exceptions being Selkirkshire and Berwickshire.

A school in England helped the Scottish bird-lovers, and the Society thanks the boys of King-shot School, near Hitchin, who sent money "collected by Oscar the Owl." Oscar made his home at the school for two months and became so friendly that he could be stroked—but the lads charged visitors for the privilege.

Veteran cars on parade

WHEN Princess Elizabeth visits Birmingham this Saturday she will give the official signal to start the rally organised by the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain. More than 100 cars will travel along the Birmingham-Coventry road and assemble at Pool Meadow in Coventry.

Some of these old cars are owned by the big motor manufacturing firms, but most are privately owned.

CYCLE SERVICE

10. Tyres and punctures

KEEP tyres inflated hard and away from heat and the sun.

To repair a puncture, look first for the obvious cause—a nail or sharp stone. If found, you only need to remove the inner tube for a few inches on either side of the puncture.

Otherwise, you must remove the wheel from the machine and ease out the whole inner tube with tyre levers, taking care not to nip the tube with a lever. Inflate the tube and test for the puncture in a bowl of water, if available, or listen for the escaping air if you are repairing the tyre by the roadside.

Mark the puncture, let the air out of the tyre, and clean round the puncture. Apply solution, prepare the patch, and press it on to the tyre firmly when the solution has become tacky. Dust with french chalk.

Insert valve in valve hole of the rim first, and inflate tyre slightly. Ease cover gently back on to the rim, starting from opposite the valve. Leave the hardest part near the valve to last. Learn to use your fingers, and use the tyre levers as little as possible.

ERIC GILLETT WRITES FROM THE WEST COUNTRY ABOUT ...

Children's films at the Bath Assembly

DURING the last three years the annual Children's Film Festival has become the most important event for young people that the Bath Assembly has to offer.

This year it was opened by Elizabeth Collyer, an 11-year-old Bath schoolgirl. A vote of thanks was proposed to her by 13-year-old Robert Cunningham, and I agreed with the Mayor of Bath (Councillor Kathleen Harper) when she congratulated both children on their very clear and natural diction.

This year the Rank Organisation offers mainly British films for the Festival programmes. Many of them are new, but it was good to see again the lovely little documentary *A Visit to the Swans*. This was taken at the great Abbotsbury swannery, and the final scene of swan families approaching the camera is one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen on the screen. This short picture should be widely shown in ordinary cinema programmes.

THE first of the new full-length feature films is *Looking for Trouble*, and it shows once more

the ingenuity of Children's Entertainment Films in finding original and unusual subjects for the cinema. This picture was produced by Frank Hoare, and directed by William C. Hammond, and they have made an excellent job of it.

Pamela Colville is the spoiled only daughter of a sergeant in the British Army. He and his wife and daughter are stationed in Germany. When the time comes for her to go to school the Colvilles decide to send Pam to the King Alfred School at Plon.

Pam is a most objectionable child. She does not like boarding-school at all, and tries to run away. When she is caught she does everything she can to annoy everybody. In the cookery class Pam throws the batter about very effectively.

In time she begins to realise that she is making a fool of herself. She is annoyed to dis-

cover that she actually likes school, but she is so obstinate that she persists in her plan for getting herself expelled.

One day, when sailing is forbidden, she goes out by herself. The boat leaks and she has to be rescued. In the end all comes well, but not before the director has given a most natural picture of school life.

The acting of Perlita Neilson as Pamela is clever. She made me dislike the character intensely in the earlier part of the story, and she shows clearly the gradual change in the girl.

ANOTHER of the new full-length features is *The Clue of the Missing Scene*. It was directed by Don Chaffey, and Mary Cathcart Borer wrote the story. This picture was filmed on the Norfolk Broads, and there are some magnificent sequences showing a bittorn on her nest. The nature part of the film is first-rate all through, but the story might have been told more effectively and naturally. The comic relief is too obvious, and the dialogue is not as simple and natural as it might be. I did not think that the usually ex-



Tony and Crawford (Ivor Bowyer and Noel Johnson) tying reeds to a wooden framework to make a "hide" in *The Clue of the Missing Scene*.

cellent boy actor, Ivor Bowyer, was quite in his best form.

These are small criticisms of a picture that will give children pleasure with its Norfolk Broad scenes and the wonderful study of the bittorns.

Ancient Greek mines to re-open

ANCIENT silver-mines at Lauriston, in Attica, are to be re-opened under the provisions of Marshall Aid.

These mines form a fascinating link with ancient Greece. They are 25 miles south of Athens, and close to the headland of Cape Colonna where the still-standing temple of Athena greeted the sailor on his way home from the Orient.

The mines were originally made by Themistocles to supply the funds for building the fleet with which he defeated Xerxes at the battle of Salamis in 480

B.C. They became the chief source of the wealth of ancient Greece, and produced a huge revenue every year for as long as three centuries.

Under Athenian direction they helped to build the Parthenon and other wonderful temples on the Acropolis. But by the beginning of the Christian era they were out of use for silver-mining, though they have been worked spasmodically for lead and zinc. These will be the main metals to be obtained when the mines are reopened.

LONDON'S AIR MARKET

LONDON now has its air market which operates in the same way as for generations the sea market has functioned for those merchants who transport their goods by sea. In the Baltic Exchange, where the freight carriers of the world do business in cargoes of all kinds, the air carriers are also busy.

It is now possible to fly goods to any part of the world through instructions taken in the City of London. Crews to man new ships can be flown to ports on the other side of the world, and the air transport of machinery from Persia to Amsterdam and back again, after repairs, is all in a day's work.

Exchange of Boy Scouts by air is a sideline of the air market; so is the carrying of pilgrims by air to Mecca. A load of 50 tons of microscopes for Hong Kong was landed there, and the plane returned to this country with a load of sausage skins from Teheran.

Such is the romance of commerce as dealt in by a group of men on London's air market.

80 prize dogs in the park

Eighty dogs belonging to young people aged between 7 and 15 will go next Saturday afternoon with their owners to The Cockpit, Hyde Park, London, for the final of the Children's National Dog Show. All these have won at 26 preliminary shows in Greater London and the Home Counties, and in Hyde Park "The Festival of Britain Champion Home Dog" will be shown.

Prizes will be presented by Countess Mountbatten of Burma; President of Our Dumb Friends' League.

The Champion Home Dog may be a mongrel, for the judges will base their decision on the condition of the dog, and the affection shown between it and its young master or mistress. It will have to be the best-cared-for, best-loved, and most affectionate dog in the show.

Steps to Sporting Fame • Clive van Ryneveld



A few of the South African cricketers were known in England before the present tour, among them Clive van Ryneveld, born at Cape Town.



Clive went to Oxford University in 1947, was awarded blues for cricket and Rugby, for which he gained four England caps in 1948-9. His two tries against Scotland were a memorable feature of England's victory that year.



The young South African received many congratulations, the more so because his success coincided with his 21st birthday. Later in the year he played cricket for the Gentlemen v Players. He went home in August 1950.



He returns to England to represent his own country, and is well equipped for his work. His main strength is in his leg-break bowling, but he is also a batsman hard to dislodge and a very fine fieldsman.

Thames-side history at County Hall

ONLY a few years ago the Thames-side region on which the South Bank Exhibition stands was little more than a mud flat at low water with a motley of warehouses and stores as a background. Some 40 years earlier the site where the palatial County Hall now stands was much the same.

Going back still further, to the first half of the 19th century, when the adjoining area was known as the Lambeth Marsh and St George's Fields, the locality was notorious for some of the worst slums in London. And so, step by step, back

through the Tudor and Stuart periods, history takes us to the Roman occupation.

To span those years and to pin-point some of the highlights in their history an exhibition has been staged in County Hall by the London County Council.

From here Chaucer's Canterbury Pilgrims set out on their journey to the shrine of St Thomas; and here Elizabethan actors spoke their lines in Shakespearean tragedy and comedy. Models of the old Tabard Inn and of the Globe Theatre, on Bankside, are in the exhibition to recall the association; and with them are relics of other great London figures—Dr Johnson, Florence Nightingale, and Charles Dickens.

There are river pictures and models of craft which have plied on the Thames above London Bridge during the last 300 years; and pictures and relics of local government from the earliest days. Of special interest to young folk are relics of the Elizabethan grammar schools of St Saviour's and St Olave's, a birch with which scholars were punished by three strokes for late attendance, and a copy of the school rules which laid down the hours for attend-

ance as 6 a.m. in summer and 7 a.m. in winter.

Industries which flourish on the South Bank—brewing in Southwark, and pottery-making in Lambeth, as well as lead shot making, iron-founding, printing, and other processes—all have a place in the exhibition.

In a fine portrait gallery of local celebrities which includes several archbishops, Sir Arthur Sullivan, the composer, and Charlie Chaplin, is none other than our old friend "Mrs Mopp," representing the women cleaners of Lambeth, who keep the County Hall so spick and span.

AN OLD LADY TOOK A WALK

WHEN Queen Victoria visited the Great Exhibition of 1851 in Hyde Park, among those presented to her was Mary Callinack, an old lady of 85, who had made the journey of nearly 300 miles from the parish of Paul, near Penzance, on foot.

A paper reported that the queen in taking her departure spoke kindly to the old lady, and that in broad Cornish dialect she responded with a "God Bless Your Majesty."

THIS KIND WORLD

EVEN in the welfare State there is always room for that little extra care and kindness which springs from voluntary effort.

One such movement has taken root in Leicestershire, where the "Friends of Markfield," founded by Captain J. W. Price, of Elmsthorpe, have established some 40 groups all working for the welfare of the patients in the Markfield County Hospital.

These groups have raised funds for the provision of rose-beds in the hospital grounds, for Christmas and birthday gifts for the patients, and numerous other comforts. The hospital has also been equipped throughout with television sets.

The groups make themselves responsible for a system of visiting, and for occasional concerts for the patients. They bear in mind, too, the needs of the families of patients. Each summer hundreds of people take part in a pilgrimage and service in the hospital grounds, which gives them an opportunity of seeing what voluntary effort can still do for such institutions.

Good news for young poets

PEOPLE under 18 can now become Junior Members of the Poetry Society, the largest fellowship of poetry-lovers in the world.

Junior members who subscribe five shillings a year will receive every quarter *The Voice of Youth*, the only magazine in Britain catering specially for boys and girls who admire poetry. Contributions from young poets will be criticised by experts, and the best will be published.

The Society's Annual Junior Verse Competition is to be known as The May Cattell Competition. The closing date for entries is June 30. It is in two classes: up to 13 years, and from 14 to 17. Poems can be on any subject. Other competitions are: Placing the Author, and Nonsense Verses.

More information can be obtained from the Poetry Society, 33 Portman Square, London, W.1.

TILL EULENSPIEGEL—A new picture-version of his merry pranks (4)



Till had some money after his bread-making adventure, but wondered how to make more. At Bremen he heard that the bishop was fond of wagers, and having got into the palace as a jester, he said: "My lord, there is an old woman in the market who sells crockery. I wager I can make her smash it all without saying a word." The bishop replied: "Ridiculous! I'll wager you 30 pieces of gold that you cannot!"



"Why should the woman destroy her means of earning a living?" the bishop asked. "She would be mad to do so." He and Till went off to the market and approached the stall where the old woman had many jugs and platters for sale. Till stared hard at her, and she at once picked up a stick and began smashing all her crockery. The people round about were amazed. They thought she was crazy.



Bewildered, the bishop gave Till the gold, then said, "I will give you another 30 pieces if you will tell me the magic you used to compel her to behave like that." Till replied, "It was simple, my lord. Before I came to your palace this morning I bought the old woman's wares, for much less than this gold, and arranged with her to smash them when I came here with you and stared at her!"



The bishop saw he had been fooled; but he was a jovial man who loved a joke. He was not angry with Till, and gave him the extra gold. Then he set out to play the same trick on his friends. Till lived comfortably at an inn, and went to see the bishop taking in his rich friends. The old woman did a roaring trade and Till and the bishop enjoyed themselves until the joke became too well-known to be repeated.

Mischievous Till is prospering now, but can he keep it up? See next week's instalment

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An ARTIST in SOUTH AFRICA

5. In the land of the lions

THIS week Richard Ogle describes wild life in its natural haunts in Kruger Game Reserve in northern Transvaal.

In the northern Transvaal and up country, lions may be encountered at night and the more persistent marauders even in day-light.

It has been customary of recent years to dethrone—one might almost say debunk—the king of beasts. Possibly familiarity with the great cats in captivity and their frequent appearance as trick animals in circuses has robbed them of the awe they inspired in Livingstone's day.

To recover the original respect for lions it is necessary to find



Toiling at the wood pile

them in their natural surroundings, and this we were determined to do.

I share with one of the most celebrated pioneers of wild-life photography a dislike of hunting with anything more lethal than a camera—or a paint brush—and, like him, I have proved that it is usually fear that encourages attack from most wild beasts. They know by instinct their real enemies.

In the north-eastern Transvaal and in Swaziland the country is ideal for lions—tall, brown-coloured grass, low scrub, crinkled with dwarf acacias, and an abundance of giant ant-heaps exactly the colour and often of shape and size similar to recumbent lions.

The very nature of this country produces a curious feeling of anticipation and prepares one to find the unexpected.

At Neilspruit we laid in provisions for camping and at White River left the last white settlement behind us. From now on the way grew wilder, and even the kraals became a rare sight. The last considerable group of natives we passed was a number of African women and girls vigorously pounding their laundry with stones on the banks of the Crocodile River.

Outcroppings of grey, volcanic rock began to appear in all directions, smaller replicas of those great mountains with rounded tops that flanked the horizon. It is on these huge boulders that the lions love to sun themselves and to play with the young cubs.

The spot we had chosen for our study of these great beasts was the camp at Pretorius Kop in the Kruger Game Reserve—a

magnificent area of unspoilt nature stretching the length of Portuguese East Africa. Though President Kruger, the Boer leader, originally conceived the idea of this reserve, it was an Englishman, Lt-Colonel J. Stevenson-Hamilton, who made it what it is.

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These camps are built of thatched stone huts in the form of a native kraal. Each camp has a large central wood fire for cooking, and a water supply stored in tanks, and each is surrounded by a low wire zareba with one gateway closed at dusk and opened at dawn. This barricade is little more than a deterrent, and lions have been known to leap the fence in pursuit of antelope.

The great camp fire assiduously maintained by the Swazi camp boys, is usually a sufficient safeguard against night marauders, while the camp officer is a crack shot capable of dealing at short notice with any intruder.

We approached our camp towards evening, fancying we saw game behind every shrub and



Pleasing pastime for the elephants

tree. At first we saw nothing, though actually many unseen eyes were watching us from the tall bush grass that flanked the narrow track.

These tracks or lanes are signposted at intervals; but the signposts seem to have an irresistible attraction for elephants, who have a trick of tearing them up and throwing them into the bush.

This is doubtless a pleasing pastime for the elephants, but can be very misleading for the wayfarer as, indeed, it was for us that night.



Undeterred by trifles

About two miles from camp the elephants had been busy, and we accordingly took the wrong lane, arriving at a massive outcrop of granite, the name of which we afterwards discovered was Lion's Hill, from the fact that it is the favourite haunt of lions when basking in the sunshine.

There was no sunshine when we arrived on the scene, however, and we could see no lions, but the swift African night was close upon us, and we had not the remotest notion where the camp lay.

Drawing up, we peered across the bush in every direction, for the spot was the highest for some miles around; but there was not a glimpse of even a native kraal. The silence could almost be felt.

Suddenly it was broken by the booming roar of a hippopotamus down at the Sabie River, closely followed by the coughing grunt of a lion roused from sleep and certainly not far away.

I know of no sound more calculated to send a shiver down the spine than that particular coughing grunt—it is pregnant with meaning and leaves the ensuing silence palpitating with a foreboding of coming events.

Suddenly a single light flashed steadily below us some miles away in the bush. It must be the camp, for only the flickering flame of a camp fire would be seen in a kraal, and there was no other human habitation. We knew, between us and the great range of mountains on the horizon.

We turned about and drove towards that welcome beacon. Ten yards on our right the grass had wavered as if a breath of wind had ruffled it—but there was no wind. Two pin-points of light caught the reflection of the vivid afterglow of sunset, and we knew that a lion, or possibly lioness, had been intently watching us. A quarter of an hour later the camp gates closed as we drove in for the night!

It was fascinating to make the round of the zareba after supper and to flash a torch into the tall bush-grass. A low rumbling or a sinister snarl nearly always resulted as the lions or an occasional leopard prowled round the ring of stone huts with the great central camp fire blazing up behind.

With a last glance at the shadowy Swazis toiling at the wood pile, we turned in, to be roused in the small hours by a challenging roar, closely followed by stertorous breathing, further roars, and the savage, startled screams of a battle royal over some luckless antelope.

In the morning the postboy arrived, prosaically enough, on his cycle.

"Twelve lion," he announced with a broad grin to the camp officer.

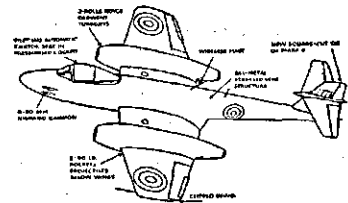
Major Bathurst, an old bush-

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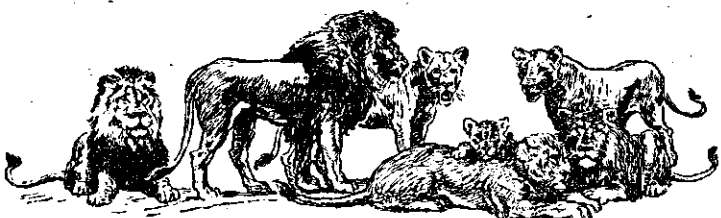
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This year, H.M.A.S. Labuan experienced great difficulty in forcing its way through the ice-floes, and at one time feared it would have to turn back through fuel shortage. However, the island was reached, and in spite of stormy weather the men embarked, soaked by the sea and having lost much of their kit—the Radio Officer had a portable

short-wave radio set swept overboard.

Their troubles were not over, however, for on the return journey a fire started in the stovehole, a boiler burst, and finally the engines failed altogether.

The vessel was picked up and towed the last 123 miles to Fremantle; but with all these delays, and the refrigerators and condensers out of action, water supplies ran short, so that the only drink available for the last few days was warm beer.

In spite of all this, the men were very fit on arrival.

HAVEN FOR ANIMALS

THE Ferne Animal Sanctuary at Shaftesbury, Dorset, which was established by the late Duchess of Hamilton, has just celebrated its twelfth birthday. At the moment there are 40 dogs, 30 cats, and six horses in residence, but during the war more than 6000 animals passed through Ferne.

The dogs live in big centrally-heated loose-boxes. Each has a separate run, but what they like most is the community run on the open downs round Shaftesbury. Newcomers who want to

fight are quickly corrected by the old-timers, and soon learn good school manners.

The cats' quarters are built round a tree-trunk, each animal having a bright blue box with a cushion in it.

The horses prefer the quiet of the orchard; one is a dray from Paddington Station, and another a pit pony from Stoke-on-Trent.

Animals go to Ferne because they are old or unwanted; and they find that there is only one lesson to be learned and practised—good manners all round.

An artist in South Africa

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veld pioneer, smiled a trifle sceptically; but, as he was due to make his rounds of the reserve, got into his car.

"Let's have a look," said he laconically to me.

So we drove slowly up the lane that leads from the camp to the postal terminus at White River.

About a mile from the camp we came round a bend and halted abruptly.

Sprawled across the pathway in various attitudes were three massive male lions, five lionesses and four cubs. Winding in between them where they lay on the track was the mark of the postboy's bicycle wheels!

A Swazi boy, at his best, is not to be deterred by trifles!

A description of the frightening effects of a tropical storm will conclude this series of articles next week.

YOUNG QUIZ



- 1 What sports do you associate with Wimbledon, Cowes, Twickenham, and Henley?
- 2 Procrastinate means: to delay, to announce, or to take advantage?
- 3 Who wrote: And he that gives a child a treat Makes joy-bells ring in Heaven's street?
- 4 What is the Greek name for Jupiter?
- 5 Who composed the symphonic poem called Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks?
- 6 What is the name of the King of Norway?
- 7 What is the record of proceedings in Parliament called?
- 8 Who first flew the English Channel?

Answers on page 11

STAMP NEWS

DOMINICA has withdrawn her current stamps with denominations in pence and shillings and has issued stamps with new designs and the values in cents and dollars.

ST JEAN BAPTISTE de la Salle, born at Rheims in 1651, founder of the world-wide Order of Brothers of the Christian Schools, has been commemorated by stamps in France and Brazil.

MALTA is soon to issue a short set to mark the 700th anniversary of the handing over of the sacred scapular to St Simon Stock in 1251.

Two stamps issued in Iceland commemorate the 175-year-old Icelandic Postal Service.

SCOTS SILVER

A RECENT announcement by the Secretary for Scotland that a silver mine is to be opened at Sunart, in Argyllshire, will serve as a reminder that the industry once flourished there in a modest way.

Sir John Erskine, an enthusiastic pioneer of silver-mining in Scotland early in the 18th century, made big profits from his first venture, but the second mine he sank proved to be a dead loss.

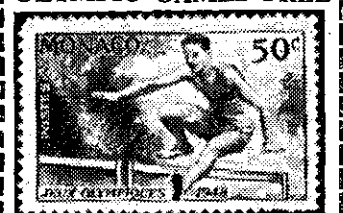
The story goes that Sir John, while showing a friend round his estate, pointed to a great excavation in the ground, saying: "Out of that hole I took £50,000." Then, pointing to a deeper pit, he added: "But I put it all back into that hole."

Pruners take care!

SCOTTISH bird-lovers have appealed to pruners of hedges not to set fire to heaps of cut-off twigs near the hedge because this often destroys young birds in nests. Pruners are also asked to be careful not to leave nests of young birds exposed to the sun, for this may cause their death.

The Children's Newspaper, June 9, 1951

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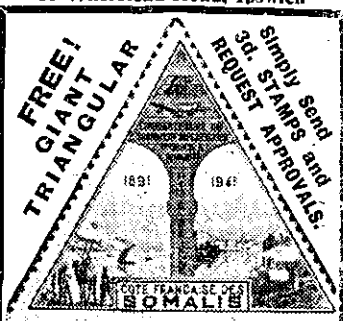
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Dr Merryweather's forecasts

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The learned doctor sought to show how he used animal instincts to give warning of approaching storms. His treatise states that the agitation which leeches show when a storm approaches can be harnessed so as to give clear warning of the impending danger. This he demonstrated in the apparatus he sent to the Great Exhibition by using twelve leeches, each in

a pint bottle, and by the design of an intricate system of whale bones, with chains, pulleys, and hammers, he caused the movement they made when agitated to ring a bell.

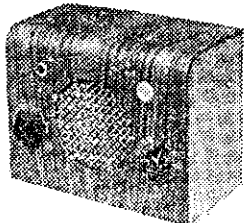
The doctor recommended that stations based on this system should be placed at points round the coasts, with responsible officers appointed to manage them. It was, he said, only a matter of extending the apparatus to cause "a little leech, governed by its instinct, to ring St Paul's Great Bell in London as a signal for an approaching storm."

The meteorological service has travelled far since then, but 100 years ago Dr Merryweather sincerely believed that the harnessing of the humble leech would be "the perpetual means of saving thousands of lives, as well as protecting an immense amount of property." He was sure it would be valuable to "the Government and to the whole shipping interests of the country, to agriculture, and to clergymen in rural districts."

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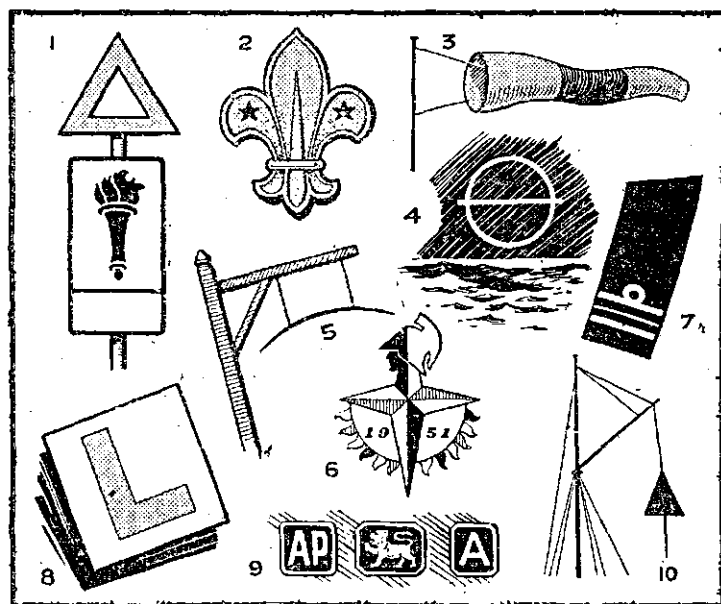
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MR DONALD DAVIDSON, fishing in the River Borge, near Skerry, Sutherland, hooked a salmon just before lunch. He played the salmon for 11 hours 55 minutes, finally landing it in the dark shortly after midnight.

THE first century recorded on Warwickshire's new scoreboard at Edgbaston was made by Dick Spooner—his first century in first-class cricket.

THE Hurdlers' Union is one of the most exclusive of all sporting associations, membership being open only to athletes who have broken 15 seconds for the 100 yards' hurdles. Peter Hildreth, the Cambridge hurdler, was recently elected to this select circle.

HUGH TAYFIELD, 24-year-old ex-Rhodesian policeman, has flown to England to strengthen Dudley Nourse's team. A spin bowler, he is nicknamed "Teey" because he always taps his right toe into the ground before his run—a habit started a few years ago when he wore boots that were too big.

TOM BLOWER, the Nottingham swimmer who holds the record for the Channel swim in both directions, is in training for an attempt to beat his own England to France record.

CHARLIE GROVE, the popular Warwickshire all-rounder, this week-end takes his benefit in the match against Nottingham at Birmingham, where he was born.

Book treasures on show

A FASCINATING exhibition of books and manuscripts, arranged by the National Book League, is now on view at the Victoria and Albert Museum as a feature of the Festival of Britain. It is the largest show of its kind ever arranged.

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YOUNG QUIZ—Answers

- 1 Tennis, yachting, Rugby, and rowing.
- 2 To delay.
- 3 John Massfield.
- 4 Zeus.
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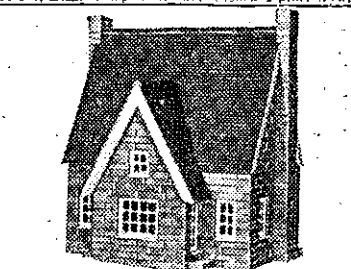
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THE BRAN TUB

Only natural

THE American stood gazing at the Niagara Falls. "Isn't it a wonderful sight?" he said to his English companion.

"What?" asked the Englishman.

"Why, that vast body of water pouring over that precipice."

"Well," said the Englishman, "what's to stop it?"

Transposition

A WELL-KNOWN herb if first you take,
An English town will also make;
Reverse it and you then will find,
Part of a vessel brought to mind.

Answer next week

RODDY



"But I'm under age—shouldn't I have it at half-price?"

BEDTIME CORNER

On the way to school

EVERY morning as she dashed off to school Jill would wave to the old crippled lady who sat in her garden.

The old lady had only recently come to live in the village, but already she was a favourite with the children. When the weather was fine she was always in the garden as they went to school, and again at midday.

Then one day she did not appear. Nor the next day. Jill wondered about this. Was the old lady ill? Had something happened to her?

At last Jill went to the front door and knocked. After a while a window opened, and the old lady looked out.

She smiled as Jill stammered her fears. The lady explained that it was her maid who was ill—she was in bed with a bad chill—and so had been unable to wheel her into the garden.

A PICNIC IN THE WOODS



Jacko is quite a useful archer



"We must find a bridge," said Chimp. But Jacko thought otherwise.

No help

MOTHER: "Why did you not tell me when that naughty boy threw stones at you, instead of throwing stones back?"

Son: "What would be the good of that, Mum? You couldn't hit the side of a house."

What is it?

My first is no gentleman it's true.

My second sometimes sings to you.

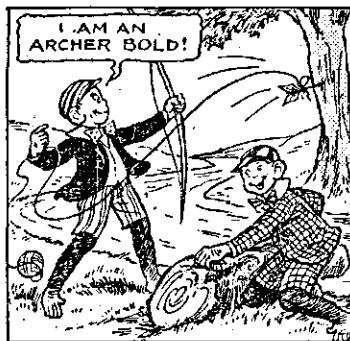
My whole is an insect, whose home and relations are often in danger from conflagrations.

Answer next week

Change from pies

A PECULIAR fellow named Hand

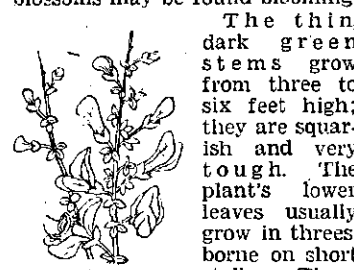
Developed a passion for sand.
An old man from Norwich,
Said: "Try it with porridge;
I am sure you will find that it's grand."



He shot an arrow into the air—into the tree-trunk over there.

Countryside flowers

DURING spring and early summer, on heaths and waste land, patches of glorious broom blossoms may be found blooming.



higher up are stalkless and often grow singly. In proportion to the rest of the shrub, the leaves are remarkably small.

Broom belongs to the pea family.

In the fold

A boy asked a shepherd how many sheep he had in a certain fold.

"Reckon it for yourself," replied the shepherd. "If I had as many more and half as many more and seven besides, I should have just 32."

How many sheep were in the fold?

Answer next week

Other worlds

IN the evening Venus is in the west and Saturn is in the south-west. In the morning Jupiter is in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at 9 o'clock on Thursday evening, June 7.

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Farmer Gray explains

A Giant Beetle. "Don, come quickly!" called Ann.

"What is it?" said her brother, arriving at a trot. At the foot of a pollard-oak was a huge beetle.

"It's a stag-beetle," said Don in awe. "What a whacker—must be two inches long."

"I thought stag-beetles were black," commented Ann.

"Their colour varies, from reddish-brown to a very dark shade, almost black," said Farmer Gray, overhearing Ann's remark. "Stag-beetles spend about four years in the larval state, during which time they live in rotting wood. The horns are really jaws and possessed only by males."

Pithy Proverb

He that is content with his poverty is wonderfully rich.

Not his fault

THE village constable stopped his bicycle in the country lane and said to a boy: "I say, sonny, have you seen an aeroplane come down near here?"

"No, sir," replied the boy, trying to hide his catapult. "But I was only aiming at a tree."

Chain-quiz

The answers to the clues given below are all linked together, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the next, and so on. See if you can find the four answers.

1. Prehistoric stone structure, often circle of huge stones fixed upright in ground as at Stonehenge. (Word was formerly used for burial-structures now more usually called dolmens.)

2. Famous old street in City of London, starting near St Paul's Cathedral; name recalls commercial history.

3. French composer; had piano lessons from a pupil of Chopin's; works include the well-known piano solo *Clair de Lune*.

4. One of the most beautiful of all ballets; characters (wood-nymphs) dressed in white tulle, dance in woodland scenery to music by Chopin.

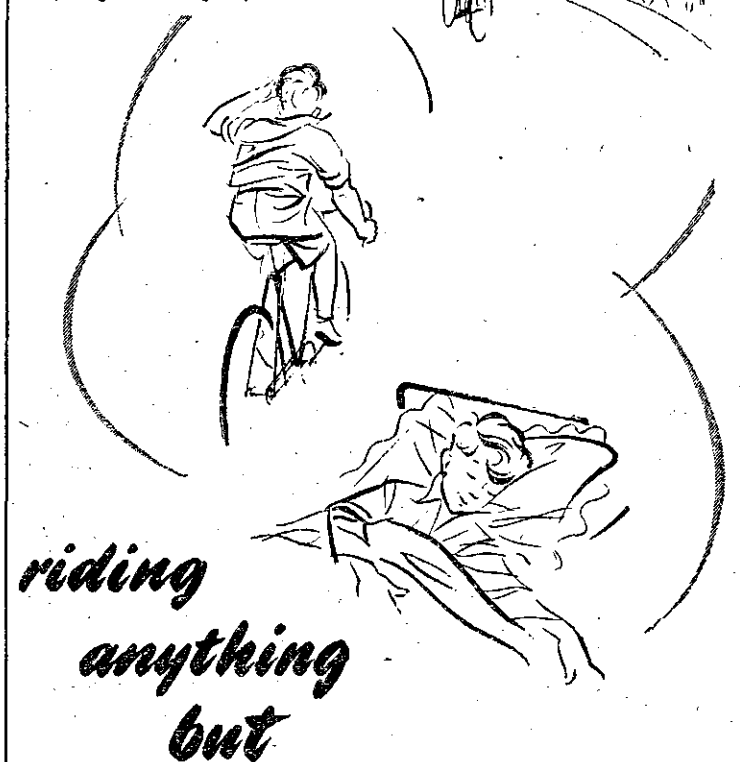
Answer next week

Last week's answers

Hidden butterfly
Swallowtail
Chain-quiz
Torrice, Liberty,
Tyndale, Leaglen
Missing letter:
(Persevere, ye perfect men; ever keep these precepts ten)
Built-up word
LEVEE

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